2923-497 PTS:clw

ECH OFFICE OFFIC THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OF

In re Application of FERBY et al. Serial No. 09/889,592 Examiner: S. Snedden Filed: August 2, 2001 Group Art Unit: 1653

For: PROTEIN WITH CELL PROLIFERATION AND CELL DIVISION MODULATING ACTIVITY AND DNA ENCODING SUCH PROTEIN

REQUEST FOR EXTENSION OF TIME

Assistant Commissioner for Patents Washington, D.C. 20231

Dear Sir:

Under the provisions of $\S 1.136(a)$, applicants petition the Commissioner of Patents and Trademarks to extend the time for response to the Office Action dated January 30, 2003 for two months from April 30, 2003 to June 30, 2003. Enclosed is a check for \$410.00 to cover the cost of the extension.

Also, if any additional payment is required, please charge the cost thereof to deposit account no. 02-2135. An extra copy of this letter is attached.

Respectfully submitted,

June 25, 2003

Patrick T. Skace

Attorney for Applicants Registration No. 47,948

ROTHWELL, FIGG, ERNST & MANBECK, p.c.

Suite 800, 1425 K Street, N.W.

Washington, D.C. 20005 Telephone: (202)783-6040

1925 49 Leut